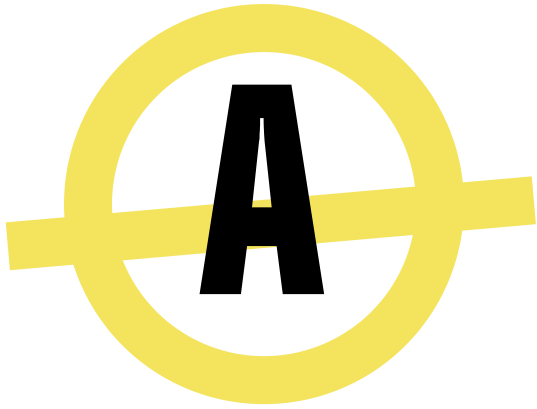




beginner's guide to anarchism

Toward a view of the world and one's life that is completely and voluntarily divorced from power, and a contemplation of what might exist in the space that was formerly occupied.

I attest to being the beginner here, and these are my notes which I have taken on each step of my journey toward an understanding of a philosophy that is against understanding, a politic against politics, and a pursuit of something other that could only be described as the thing that remains: love.

Step 1: Toward an understanding of power

On Anarchism - Noam Chomsky

Anarchistic thought is usually either co-opted or maligned by power to fuel the crowd into participation in the regime. But, anarchism has a well-grounded history that is worth knowing on its own terms.

The Conquest of Bread - Peter Kropotkin

It is not enough to acknowledge only the economic or the political facets of coercion. Both must be addressed on the level of the individual to come to anarchy.

Christianity and Anarchy - Jaques Ellul

Religiosity, whether explicit or indirect, is the pathos that drives systems of power. Moralities that are derived from these religious systems keep the very people who might otherwise resist power in line. True spirituality, however, is subversive to power.

Step 2: Toward a view of the possible

The Dispossessed - Ursula K. Leguin

For an image, a story of the personal journey and movements of a true anarchist and for a depiction of a group of people who are at least in principle committed to ideas like mutual aid, non-ownership, and universal brotherhood.

Step 3: Toward an embrace of what remains

Christian anarchism and the Problem of Nihilism part I - anarchierkegaard.substack.com

Individualism, spirituality, and romance can be, rather must be practiced in authentic community in order to be real and not just a possibility. If systems of power are not replaced by what is real, our lives will be like that house which after being left empty, was at once filled with nightmares ten times worse than before.

Thank you for reading.